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his oration he advanced with solemn dignity within about two paces of the chiefs, concluding his address with much energy of expression, and a stamp with his foot, and afterwards retired to his former station, and commenced a new subject. The company heard him with much patience and attention, though he continued this harangue for a long time. He held a stick in his hand during the time, and after delivering the final sentence he snapped it in two and threw it upon the ground in token of the entire departure of any feelings of resentment on the part of himself and his tribe. As soon as he had resumed his seat, one of the adverse Chiefs rose to reply, and his address was received with similar attention; after whom several others spoke in succession. Their orations lasted for some hours until the conditions of peace were settled as far as at that time they could be: and on the following day, if Oruroa ~~approved~~ and his friends approved of what had been arranged, the final ratification of peace was to be made at Horororika by the commissioners of both parties in public. The arbiters appointed by Hevi Hevi and his allies were to call the next morning at the Missionary Station for us to accompany them to Horororika, to witness the treaty. As soon as these points were decided

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